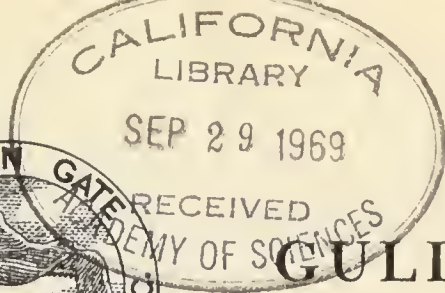


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"A NATURALIST AFIELD" IN BERKELEY OCT. 6

Karl H. Maslowski will open the Nineteenth Season of Audubon Wildlife Films in Berkeley when he shows his beautiful film, *A Naturalist Afield*, at **8:15 p.m. Monday, October 6**, in King Junior High School Auditorium-Theatre. Mr. Maslowski, an expert photographer-naturalist, will show a year-round journal of events in the world of nature. More than 60 species of North American birds, mammals, insects and amphibians are featured on the screen with synchronized sound recordings of their voices. Among the sights and sounds are a Ruffed Grouse drumming, a tiny Saw-whet Owl calling, Evening Grosbeaks, White-winged Crossbills, Pileated Woodpeckers, nesting Bald Eagles and Ruby-throated hummingbirds. The rareties include a blue crayfish, a patternless copperhead snake, a white muskrat, and several albinos: Red-tailed Hawk, Jefferson's Salamander, a toad and a crow. The life history of the cricket wasp is filmed in detail.

Mr. Maslowski is a member of the board of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and has worked with the Ohio Division of Conservation as Photographer-Naturalist and with the University of Cincinnati as Lecturer in Nature Study. Much of his motion picture footage has been used by Walt Disney *True Life Adventure Series*. Writer of a weekly nature column, "Naturalist Afield", in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* for 30 years, he also has written and illustrated articles in *Natural History*, *Outdoor Life*, *Nature*, and *Child Life*.

The other four films of this 19th Audubon Wildlife Film Season will be "Fabulous Africa" by Edgar T. Jones on Monday, **November 24**; "Our Unique Water Wilderness—the Everglades" by William A. Anderson on Monday, **January 19**; "Tidewater Trails" by Charles T. Hotchkiss on Tuesday, **February 24**; and "The Bahamas—Top to Bottom" by Harry Pederson on Friday, **March 20**. All films will be personally narrated by the photographers.

The season ticket price for the 5 films will be \$5 for Audubon members and \$6 for non-members. Single admission at the door is \$1.50. (The season ticket for students under 18 is \$3 and single admission \$1.) Mrs. Frances Ellen Fallgatter, Film Chairman, reminds us that season tickets may be purchased in advance from Audubon Wildlife Films, P.O. Box 103, Berkeley, CA 94701 by enclosing check payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The King Junior

High School Auditorium-Theatre (formerly Garfield) is on Rose Street at Grant.

"BIRD DIALECTS" ON OCTOBER 9

Luis Baptista, Assistant Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley, will discuss "Bird Dialects" at the regular meeting of Golden Gate Audubon Society on **Thursday, October 9** in the Hall of Flowers, San Francisco. Mr. Baptista will use tape recordings to demonstrate dialects.

The meeting will begin at **7:30 p.m.** The Hall of Flowers is on Ninth Ave. at Lincoln Way and the entrance is well lighted. Visitors are welcome.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, October 4, Monterey boat trip (as announced in September *Gull*)

Sunday, October 5, three half-day land trips will be led by Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society:

(1) *Pacific Grove Shoreline.* Meet at Lover's Point parking area at **8 a.m.** Trip will include Greenwood Park, Crespi Pond and Pt. Pinos. Asilomar Beaches for land and shorebirds.

(2) *Moss Landing-Salinas River Mouth.* Meet on Jetty Rd. ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of bridge over Elkhorn Slough) at **9 a.m.** for shorebirds.

(3) *Point Lobos State Reserve.* Meet at Reserve Entrance at **9 a.m.** There is a small entrance fee. Land and shorebirds and Sea Otters.

Saturday, October 18, Point Reyes Bird Observatory. Meet at Elwood's Restaurant in Stinson Beach on Highway 1 at **8:15 a.m.** Fred Sibley, Director of PRBO will demonstrate banding activities at the Observatory.

Sunday, November 2, Palo Alto Salt Marsh to study waterfowl and shorebirds. Meet at **9 a.m.** at the duck pond near the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. Take Embarcadero Road East off Bayshore Freeway 101. Leader, Ted Chandik, 327-4575, Palo Alto.

Sunday, November 23, Joice Island, Solano County. Details will be in November *Gull*.

Bring binoculars, lunch and interested friends on field trips.

During October watch for Elegant Terns, Tropical Kingbirds, and stray warblers. MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Field Trips Chairman*.

MARIN AUDUBON PELAGIC TRIP OCT. 19

On **Sunday, October 19,** Marin Audubon Society will have their annual pelagic trip to the Farallon Islands. Fare is \$10 a person on a first come, first served basis. Mail checks for reservations to Marin Audubon Society, Box 441, Tiburon, CA 94920. Meet at the Spinnaker Pier, Sausalito, at **6:45 a.m.** The boat (the "Blue Horizon") **leaves promptly at 7 a.m.** Dress for cold, wet weather. Leader will be Fred Sibley, new Director of PRBO. Mr. Sibley will also present a program on birds of the Farallons at the regular Marin Audubon meeting at 8 p.m. October 3 at the Ross School, corner of Lagunitas Road and Allen Ave., Ross.—C.W. ZUMWALT, *Field Trips and Programs, Marin Audubon Society*.

Golden Gate Audubon Society will schedule a pelagic trip to the Farallon Islands on **April 26, 1970**.

COVEL'S CONSERVATION CORNER

Several significant conservation events will have made history by the time you read these lines. We hope to have summaries of them for a later issue of *The Gull*.

A U.S. House Conservation Subcommittee, headed by Congressman Henry R. Reuss of Wisconsin, was slated to hold hearings in San Francisco on August 20 and 21 on environmental conditions of San Francisco Bay and the Delta. The recent 140-acre fill for the Port of Oakland Seventh Street Marine Terminal, airport expansion plans, and continued water pollution by 11 Bay and Delta Navy installations were all due for review and examination during the hearings. The Committee was also expected to visit the Army Corps of Engineers' Bay-Delta hydrologic model at Sausalito (the same model we urge every reader to see and study). We presume that Committee Member Paul N. McCloskey Jr. will see, as a co-sponsor, that the South San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge bill—and the dire need for such a refuge—gets some attention.

A great September event for the Eastbay was the scheduled dedication and opening of the new Oakland Museum. An Ecology Conference was also scheduled for the following weekend, Sept. 26-27, with Mr. Stewart Udall listed among panel chairmen.

We must in fairness thank and congratulate our State Legislature for giving us a measure of future control on bay fill projects by extending the life of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. It was a shock and let-down, however, to learn that representatives of conservation organizations are no longer assured seats on the BCDC board unless legislative steps are taken to amend the new policy.

And now we must cry "Shame" at those legislators who refused to recognize and act toward phasing out the use of DDT and other dangerous long-residual poisons in California agriculture! The environment they are willing to poison is theirs, too!—PAUL F. COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FARALLON WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

To develop information on the desirability of including the Farallon Wilderness Proposal in the National Wilderness Preservation System, a public hearing will be held on **October 30 at 9 a.m.** in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Federal Bldg., 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. The wilderness proposal comprises approximately 141 acres within the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge. A brochure containing a map of the preliminary boundaries and additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 311, Willows, CA 95988, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

All interested parties are invited to be present at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of the record all important facts

and arguments should be submitted in writing to the Regional Director or handed to the Hearing Officer at the hearing.

AUDUBON NATURE TRAINING PROGRAM received a gift from Mrs. Howard Fletcher in memory of Mrs. Junea Kelly.

NATURE CONSERVANCY'S TUBBS ISLAND PROJECT

The Summer issue of *The Nature Conservancy News* announced the new San Francisco Bay Project—Lower Tubbs Island. The island lies east of the mouth of Petaluma River in San Pablo Bay and is approximately 330 acres in extent. Western Regional Director Huey D. Johnson noted that though the ecological crisis of the Bay and its shoreline has created intense interest and concern, “pressures for filling the Bay and developing its shoreline have also seen new heights. The resulting tensions will be with us indefinitely. One great omission concerning the Bay has been apparent. At present there is no agency carrying on a concerted area-wide effort to preserve key natural lands by acquiring those lands permanently. The one overriding goal of the Conservancy's Bay Project is to preserve as many acres of land in their natural state for the longest time and at the least expense as is humanly possible.”

Lower Tubbs Island is a key tract in the preservation of San Pablo Bay, where the major portion of the Pacific Flyway canvasback duck population winters. The island is also an important shorebird habitat. Fund-raising for the Lower Tubbs Island Project (\$300,000) is underway. Gregory Archbald, San Francisco attorney, has been appointed director of the project. Contributions may be marked “Tubbs Island” and mailed to The Nature Conservancy, 215 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

Golden Gate Audubon Society will plan a field trip to Tubbs Island. **CORRECTION**—The new Vice President for Golden Gate Audubon Society is Mrs. Richard F. Johnson (Claire). The corrected name, address and phone number are on the roster page of this *Gull*.

BANDING CLINIC AT POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

Point Reyes Bird Observatory will hold another banding clinic on **Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 12** for those interested in participating in the PRBO program. PRBO's primary purpose is to study birds—their ecology, population dynamics and the impact of man's activities on their natural environment. The underlying aim is to supply information to aid general conservation efforts. Capturing and banding birds and the associated record keeping is the heart of Observatory activity and has been accomplished largely by volunteer help. No previous knowledge of bird identification or banding is necessary.

To reach the Observatory take Highway 1 to the Bolinas turnoff. Take the turnoff to Mesa Road and turn right. Continue on Mesa Road to Point Reyes National Seashore, and turn right onto the dirt road. Proceed $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on the dirt road and you will see the Observatory on your left.

WATCH FOR COLOR-MARKED BIRDS

Watch for shorebirds with red, yellow, green or blue breast feathers!

The California Department of Fish and Game is capturing and color-marking shorebirds to learn about their movements, migration and habitat needs. From August through the winter 10,000 shorebirds will be caught and marked. Breast coloring used will be: Humboldt Bay, yellow; San Francisco Bay, red; Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley, green; and San Diego, blue. Different colored leg bands will tell which month they were banded. Sightings of these marked birds will provide the Department with much needed information regarding the importance of California's wetlands to the continental supply of shorebirds. The continuing reclamation of inland marshlands and the filling of coastal mud flats and tidal marshes is having impact on their numbers, according to Howard Leach, special wildlife coordinator for the Department of Fish and Game.

If you see one of these color-marked shorebirds, make a note of its breast coloring, and if possible, note the color of the leg band and which leg. Such reports should be sent to the Department of Fish and Game, Special Wildlife Investigations, 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, 95814.

White-tailed Kites are also wearing colored bands. Howard Leach wrote the following request in the *Sacramento Audubon Observer*:

Little is known of the White-tailed Kite—its food habits, seasonal movements, habitat requirements, and its relationship with other forms of wildlife and man in these days of rapidly changing conditions. To find out answers to the many questions concerning the current status of this fully protected bird, the Department of Fish and Game has entered into an agreement with the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley. This agreement sets up the conduct of a joint ecological study on the White-tailed Kite. Studies are currently centered on Bethel, Bradford, Frank's Tract, and Jersey Island in Contra Costa County and on Grizzly Island in Solano County. Here at times, kites gather in great numbers. To learn something of their daily and seasonal movements and distribution, celluloid bands, approximately 5/8" in height, are being utilized for color marking kites. These bands are placed on the leg together with an aluminum U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band. Band colors are black, green, red, blue, white, orange, and violet. The two color bands placed on the leg give the color combination by which the bird can be identified without recapture. Since these colors can be readily seen by birdwatchers when the kite is observed close by, the Department would like to receive reports of the sightings of these birds. (See address above) Give your name, where and when the kite was seen and the color combination. List the top color first—with a notation as to whether the band is on the left or right leg. You will be notified where the bird was banded. Your contribution to the knowledge of the White-tailed Kite will be greatly appreciated.

Some California Gulls are wearing orange plastic tags on one wing. They were tagged in Wyoming by Dr. Kenneth L. Diem and staff of the

Department of Zoology of the University of Wyoming. The tags have black numbers and symbols; the symbol is always in the lower half of the tag and serves to locate the bottom of the number. If you see a tagged gull, please notify Dr. Diem, University of Wyoming, Box 3166, University Station, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, giving the time, date and place of observation, the number and symbol, and which wing was tagged.

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

June 14—The second *Five-striped Sparrow* near Patagonia, Arizona, was found by Val and Bob DaCosta, leading to the search for a nest, and in August the nest containing young ones was discovered there.

July—On the Farallons a *Yellow-throated Warbler* and a *White-eyed Vireo* were found with Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos by PRBO. Three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were banded at Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory. Maxine Trumbo saw a Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Woodland July 19.

August 5—Bill Pursell found 2 Baird's Sandpipers near Bodega Head.

August 21—37 Elegant Terns were resting in Rodeo Lagoon near Cronkhite Beach and a Black-legged Kittiwake perched on a cliff above the beach. A few days later Bob Sutherland found it dead on the beach and took it to the California Academy of Sciences.

August 30—Val & Bob DaCosta and Bob Sutherland observed a *Prothonotary Warbler* in the marsh near the ruins of the former Sutro Baths in the San Francisco Cliff House area. A Solitary Sandpiper was in the same small marsh. Bill Pursell, Aubrey Burns and Bob Augustine saw a Rough-legged Hawk (dark phase) east of Tomales Bay between Marshall and Tomales. Elsie Roemer and Aliee Mericourt reported Elegant Terns at Alameda's South Shore.

August 31—A Black-and-White Warbler was foraging on a eypress trunk (with a Brown Creeper and a Red-breasted Nuthatch) in the woods northeast of San Francisco's former Sutro Baths—observed by Vi & George Homem.

In August the *Yellow-crowned Night Heron* and the *Little Blue Heron* were seen frequently at San Rafael's waterfront by Aubrey Burns et al.

Sept. 1—Jim & Charlotte Clayton photographed a Spotted Owl on Mt. Wittenberg trail, Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Sept. 3—A Hermit Warbler was in Golden Gate Park's Fuchsia Garden foraging in pines and also in the fuchsias.

COYOTE HILLS FIELD TRIP REPORT

Coyote Hills Regional Park, August 23—On a pleasantly cool day 45 Audubon members watched a White-tailed Kite hovering and catching a mouse. Between 8:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. we recorded 50 species of birds in this unspoiled area. Hundreds of Pintails flew over the marsh and alighted on the ponds with a few Cinnamon Teal and Mallards. Telescopes revealed White Pelicans on the S.F. Bay salt ponds south of the park in one of the areas proposed as a National Wildlife Refuge. An Osprey flew high overhead before noon and a Common Gallinule emerged from the marsh and ran along the fire road. After lunch we found Black-necked Stilts at close

range with 4 immatures and a Yellowlegs. A Barn Swallow was still feeding fledglings. Several species of butterflies also attracted attention in this unique East Bay Regional Park.—MRS. VI HOMEM, *Leader*.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

A plan for the use of the South Canyon by Bay Area schools for environmental education and outdoor science is being developed under a \$15,000 grant from the State of California. Although the Mill Valley School District is the host of the grant, it will be managed by representatives from several school districts, from Audubon Canyon Ranch and from other leading conservation education groups. The plan will be completed within a year and will be used as a basis for seeking funds to develop and manage the environmental education facility and program.

The Ranch received a \$10,000 grant from the San Francisco Foundation for rebuilding the old milk barn for use as a display and lecture hall. Construction of the hall was completed in April and the initial displays were completed in June. Conservation-oriented groups have sponsored each of the four chapters of the display. Chapter 1, "The Heronry" was sponsored by the Redwood Region Ornithological Society; Chapter 2, "The Lagoon", by the Garden Study Club of the Peninsula; Chapter 3, "History", by the Community of Stinson Beach; and chapter 4, "The Plant Communities", by the Woodside Atherton Garden Club. An additional chapter on "Geology of West Marin" will be developed in 1970. A sponsor is needed.

Between March 1 and July 7 this year 18,000 people visited the Ranch. The new Stewart Rawlings trail and improved Alice Kent trail were used to capacity. Mrs. Henderson very generously arranged for the enlargement of the Henderson Overlook to a seating capacity of 75.

Mrs. Tracy Van Voorhies of the Junior League of San Francisco has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch. Enrollment for the ecology course sponsored by the Junior League is closed for this year, but the course will probably be repeated next year.

Dennis Reinhardt, executive director of the Ranch during the past year has resigned. His duties will in part be taken over by Clerin Zumwalt, who will continue to be known as ranch naturalist.

The following gifts of remembrance were made to Canyon Ranch:	
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Sadly we report that Phyllis Zweigart died suddenly September 7



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